

EATON JENKINS



Eaton.



JENKINS

Eaton Crest: An erased (torn from body) black eagle's head with sprig of green in beak

Shield: Gold with blue fret (cross lines and square)

Motto: Vincit omnia veritas - "Truth conquers all things"

The Eaton name is of both Welsh and Saxon origin, meaning hill or town on the water. In Welsh "aw" means water and "twyn" a small hill; Awtwyn also called Eyton, "a small hillock near the water."

In Saxon "Ea" means water and "ton" town - hence, "Watertown."

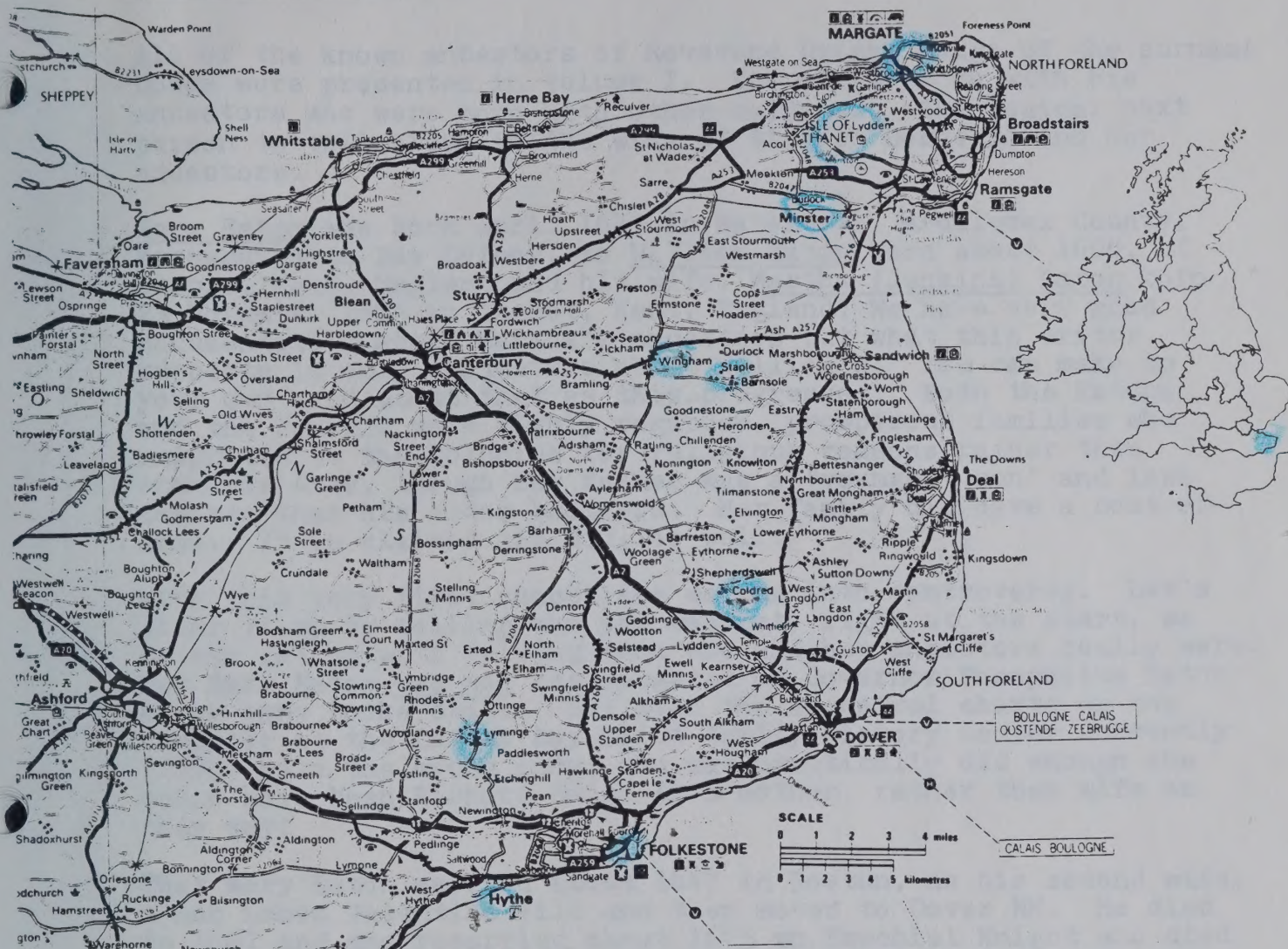
Jenkins Crest: A lion sejant argent resting his dexter paw on a torteaux (sitting lion of silver color resting his right paw on a gold ball)

Shield: Silver (or white) shield with a sable (black) lion resting his right paw on a gold ball

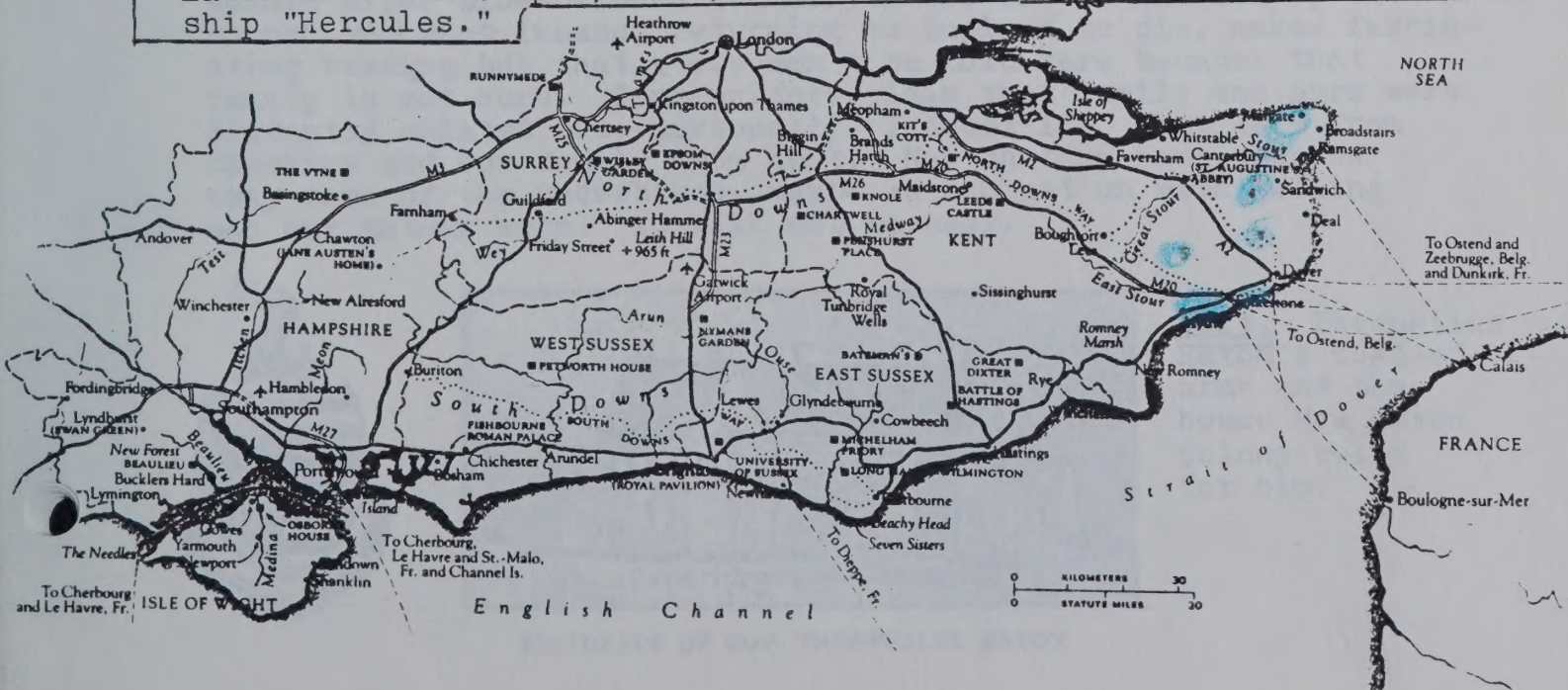
The name Jenkin or Jenkins is a diminutive for John, e.g., "Johnson."



EATON-JENKINS FAMILY (2)



Modern maps of far southeastern England showing places the Eatons and Jenkins lived. Jenkins family is thought to have originated in ancient times in the "Isle of Thanet." William and Martha (Jenkins) Eaton lived in Staple, Kent, and embarked at Sandwich on the ship "Hercules."



All of the known ancestors of Reverend Dwight Dodge of the surname Dodge were presented in Volume I. Now we carry on with his ancestors who were born with other surnames. The logical next person to tell about is the wife of Richard Dodge II and her ancestors.

Mary Eaton was born April 1643 in Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts Bay Colony, to William Eaton born about 1604, of Staple, Kent, England and his wife, Martha (Jenkins) Eaton born 23 November 1605 at Thanet, Kent, England. We have very good documentation about Martha's ancestors but what this writer suspects is only conjecture about William's. You can make up your own mind about that as this progresses. Both the Eatons and the Jenkins were highly regarded, prosperous families who emigrated to the Colonies for religious reasons rather than economic ones, though her father was a "youngest son" and less favored than his older brothers. Her family did have a coat-of-arms. It is claimed his did, as well.

With this very first ancestress we run into controversy. Let's clear it up by telling who she was not, right at the start, so we can get on with telling whom she and her ancestors really were. Our Mary Eaton was not the daughter of Governor Theophilus Eaton as so many books state. Yet even the ancestral charts on the computer at the Latter Day Saint family history center currently (1993) have the wrong lady, who was practically old enough she could have been Richard Dodge II's mother, rather than wife as they say!

That Mary Eaton married about 1647 in Boston, as his second wife, a man named Valentine Hill and they moved to Dover NH. He died in 1661 and she remarried about 1675 an Ezechiel Knight who died in 1687. She died in 1708 as Widow Knight in either Dover or Wells, Maine. Her father, Theophilus Eaton, became Governor of New Haven Colony. He was a filthy rich though austere, strong-minded but rigid Puritan. His biography and that of his unfortunate wife, blue-blooded Ann Lloyd, who was so harried by the church she went insane, returning to England to die, makes fascinating reading but that story won't be told here because that family is not ours. Some writers claim that family and ours were distantly related but, personally, I doubt it. They were from Cheshire and our family from Kent. Now that we have cleared away some of the underbrush, maybe we can get on with telling who our Eatons were. It will not be easy.



RESIDENCE OF GOV. THEOPHILUS EATON

Left. Theophilus Eaton's coat-of-arms and the house New Haven Colony built for him.

EATON-JENKINS FAMILY (4)

Ship's Passenger List of the "Hercules" 1637 - Sandwich, Kent to Watertown, MA. Relationship to Richard Jenkin unknown. Presence of all those Bachelor family members may tie our family to John Eaton of Watertown/Dedham.

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HERCULES PASSENGERS

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Md That all those that have noe Certificats affixed that they had taken the oath of Supremacy & Allegiance tooke the said oathes before the Mayor of Sandwich

The Mayor & Jurats of Sandwich

A true Roll or list of the names sirnames and qualities of all such persons which have taken passage from the Town & Port of Sandwich in the County of Kent for the American plantatons since the last cerificate of such passengers returned into 11 May 1637

Servants

1 Thos Starr of Canterbury yeoman Constant Starr

& Susan his Wief

2 Edwd Johnson of Canterbury Joyner & Susan his Wief

Edward George William Mathew John Susan Martha John Henry Lidia

John ffarle John Ingland Ann Norcott

3 Nicholas Butler of Eastwell yeoman & Joice his Wief

John Pope John Gill Richd Jenkin

Margt Angells Christian Spice Edwd Page John Granger Grace Granger John Bucke Susan Bucke Saml Taylor Margerie Walker Thos Granger Edwd Harnet Mary Call

4 Samuell Hall of Canterbury Yeoman & Joane his Wief

5 Henry Bachelor of Dovor Brewer & Martha his Wief

6 Joseph Bachelor of Canterbury Taylor & Elizabeth his Wief

Marke Bachelor

7 Henry Richardson of Canterbury & Mary his Wief

John Henry Elisabeth Mary Rachell

8 Jarvese Boykett of Thanington Carpenter

9 John Bachelor of Canterbury Taylor

10 Nathaniel Ovell of Dovor Cord-winder

11 Thos Calle of Feversham husbandman & Bennet his Wief Thomas John Margaret

Steven Granger

Thos Granger

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SHIP PASSENGER LISTS

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✓ 12 Wm Eaton of Staple husbandman & Martha his Wief John Martha Albe

Jonas Eaton

13 Joseph Coleman of Sandwich Shoe maker & Sara his Wief Joseph Zacharie Sara Mary

14 Mathew Smith of Sandwich Cord-winder & Jane his Wief Mathew John Hanna Elisabeth

15 Marmaduke Peerce of Sandwich Taylor & Mary his Wief John Hooke his apprentice

In Witnes whereof wee the Maior & Jurats of the towne & porte of Sandwich aforesaid have hereunto caused the seale of the Office of Maioraltie to be put & sett dated the nyynth day of June in the twelveth yeare of the reigne of our sovrayne lord King Charles by the grace of God of England 1637.

[Notes appended to this article as originally printed give additional data on Jonas Austen, Henry Bachelor, John Bachelor, Joseph Bachelor, Thomas Besbeech, Robert Brooke, John and Susan Bucke, Thomas Calle, William Hatch, Samuel Hincley, John Hooke, Edward Johnson, Joseph Pacheury, Marmaduke Peerce, John Pope, Christian Spice, Thomas Starr, Comfort Starre, Nathaniel Tilden and their relatives.]

James Savage, "Gleanings for New England History," Collections of The Massachusetts Historical Society, 3rd series 8 (1843), 243-348; 3rd series 10 (1849), 127-146 [Lancour No. 47].

This material has been treated subsequently by Charles Edward Banks in Lancour No. 35.

The only complete Eaton Genealogy found so far which purports to tell William Eaton's ancestry is the one by Molyneaux, written in 1911, but the reader should be wary of any book which does not give detailed documentation, or at least dates. Much of that book appears to be based on old heraldry or "visitation" books, lacking proof but open to conjecture. However, despite skepticism about that book, it has been decided to incorporate part of it here for three reasons:

- 1--Bad as it is, elements of truth may have been stumbled into. Some of the people mentioned were in the right location to be ours, and we should accept pearls wherever we find them.
- 2--If the reader is ambitious enough to seek for the truth yourself, you will keep running into these names and will thus know the source of the information.
- 3--It is the only known genealogy which even pretends to cover the subject.

Most of the books you will find seem to accept the conclusions of the Molyneaux book without question, stating that Peter and Elizabeth (_____) (Patterson) Eaton were William's parents, and perhaps they were. Since it is rather obvious Jonas Eaton was a younger relative, some of them give Jonas the same parents. Molyneaux calls John Eaton of Watertown and Dedham William's first cousin, son of Nicholas and Kathern (Masters) Eaton. It seems to this writer that either of these men could easily have been William's brother, since they were only about 18 years apart in age. John's wife's maiden name was Abigail Bachelor. Quite a few people surnamed Bachelor accompanied our Eaton family on the same ship.

For your amusement, the purported ancestry of William Eaton starting with the year 1000 A.D. onward is presented:

EATON ANCESTRAL CHART

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| I | Banqui, Thane of Lochabar, A.D. 1000 | |
| II | Fleance son of Banqui, m. Guenta, Princess of North Wales | |
| III | Alan Fitz Flaald m. Amiera.... | |
| IV | William Fitz Alan, m. Isabel de Say | |
| V | Robert de Eaton, m. _____ | |
| VI | Peter de Eaton, m. _____ | |
| VII | Sir Peter de Eaton, m. Alice.... | |
| VIII | William Eaton m. Matilda.... | |
| IX | Sir Peter de Eaton, m. Margary.... | |
| X | Peter de Eaton, m. _____ | |
| XI | John Eaton, m. _____ | |
| XII | Robert de Eaton, m. _____ | (does not say which) |
| | Peter de Eaton (Eyton) m. _____ | |
| XIII | Humphrey Eaton, m. _____ | |
| XIV | Georgius Eaton, m. _____ | |
| XV | Sir Nicholas Eaton, m. Katherine Talbot | |
| XVI | Louis (Lewis) Eaton m. Anna Savage | |
| XVII | Henry Eaton, m. Jane Cressett | |
| XVIII | William Eaton, m. _____ | |
| XIX | William Eaton, M. Jane Hussey, d. before 1584 | |
| XX | Peter Eaton, m. Elizabeth Patterson. | |
| XXI | William Eaton, m. Martha Jenkins | |

Item XII on the chart is interpreted to mean Humphrey XIII was grandson of John XI but they were not sure which son, Robert or Peter, was the father. We continue.

Backing up to generation XIX, William Eaton of Dover, Kent, died before 1584. His widow, Jane (Hussey) Eaton made her will 27 Aug 1584 and it was proved 29 Dec. that same year. From it we understand that she was a widow and executrix of the will of her late husband, William. Her body was buried in the church yard of St. James at Dover. She names her oldest son William Eaton, her sons John, Peter and Nicholas, then under age, and gives directions for the education of Peter and Nicholas, that "they shall be kept for one year more in France, to learn the French tongue, and shall afterwards be put to some science or occupation." She makes her son-in-law, Jacques (or James) Huggenson her sole executor and mentions "my other children."

Children of William and Jane (Hussey) Eaton:

Joyce Eaton m. Jacques (or James) Huggenson, issue: James, Jr.
Barbara m. Allen
William (b 1570) m.-second- Joan Winch
John
+Peter m. Elizabeth Patterson
Nicholas (b 1573) m. (1) Katherine Master (2) Mrs. Joan Gibbs

The book goes into detail about descendants of Nicholas, the last child listed, claiming John Eaton who emigrated to Watertown in 1635 was his son. We follow son Peter.

Peter Eaton, the third son of William and Jane (Hussey) Eaton, married 28 January 1603, Elizabeth, widow of Patterson. The license for the marriage is recorded at Canterbury and the marriage is recorded at Canterbury. The marriage, itself, was at St. Mary's Dover, so one might presume the bride was from the Dover area. Since she was a widow, maiden name unstated, she could have been a native of about any part of Kent, but likely the Dover region. Eight children of this marriage are on record:

Children of Peter and Elizabeth () (Patterson) Eaton:

Jane bapt 17 Mar 1604 m. Shemall
Katherine m. William Robinson in 1626
? William bapt 26 Sep 1608, died young
Joyce bapt 1 Sep 1611 m. Edward Ranger in 1632 who d. bef. 1665
had 2 sons, John & Peter Ranger
Peter bapt 3 Jul 1614, d. 1628
John bapt 23 Oct 1616, living 1636
Elizabeth bapt 12 Aug 1619, living 1636
Nicholas bapt Jul 1623, d. 1628

Peter's death date was not given, probably not known. Elizabeth was buried 8 Jan 1631.

The rationale for stating our William was son of Peter and Elizabeth completely escapes this writer, as their William was said to have "died young" and was slightly young to be ours anyway. It was not unheard of in those days to give two sons in the same family the same name, but it was unusual.

EATON-JENKIN FAMILY (7)

The people on the previous page did live in far eastern Kent, as did our family. That evidently was an armigerous family, and so was our Jenkin family. The following two men, Jonas and John Eaton both came from the very same town, Staple, Kent, and must have been very, very closely related, so blurbs about them are presented below:

There is much speculation that Jonas Eaton (1618-1674) was a younger brother of William. That is very likely--at least there was some relationship between them. When he was nineteen years old he came with the family in the same ship. We should not let his being called "servant" on the Hercules passenger list confuse us. That word was not then used in the modern sense. Relatives were often listed as servants in those old lists. He stayed with them at Watertown at first, and later moved to Reading when he did.

Jonas Eaton married about 1642 Grace (____). They owned property in Reading in 1647, when he was a town officer. Jonas and Grace were listed as members of the church in 1648. He died 24 Feb 1673 (will prob 7(2)1674 old style). In 1680 Grace married Henry Silsbee.

Children of Jonas and Grace (____) Eaton:

Mary	b. 8(12)1643 OS	
John	10(7)1645 - 1691 m. 26 Nov 1674	Dorcas Pearson (1650-) she m/2 Abraham Bryant
Jonas	24(7)1648 stillborn	
Joshua	4(10)1653 - 1717 m/1-25 Apr 1678	Rebecca Kindell (1657-1690) 2-18 Dec 1690 (Ruth (Pierce) Kirtland (-1741) (She married x5
James	NFR	
Joseph	NFR	
Lt. Jonathan	6 Dec 1655-8 Jul 1743	
	m/1-15 Aug 1683	Elizabeth Burnap (-1688)
	2- 2 Apr 1691	Mary Cowdry?/Brown (-1727+)

It appears John Eaton (ca 1600-1658) was a close relative, perhaps an older brother. John Eaton married 5 April 1630 at Staple, Kent, England, Abigail (Bachelor) Damon, Widow of Henry Damon/Dammant. They came to Watertown in the Elizabeth & Ann which sailed in April 1635, bringing Mary 4, Thomas 1, and her two children from the first marriage, Jane 9, and John.

They were listed as property owners in Watertown on 25 May 1636. The next year, 1637, they moved to Dedham and William with Jonas came to Watertown. He died 17 Nov. 1658--his will contain bequests to wife Abigail, John, Mary, Abigail; also John Plimpton of Medfield and "kinsman" Edward Hodson whom writer cannot find in the records.

Children of John and Abigail (Bachelor) Eaton:

Thomas	b. 1634	died young 10(7) 1649 OS
Mary	1631 m. 5 May 1651	John Mason
Abigail	6(11)1639 OS 10 (9)1659	Robert Mason, bro. of John
John	6 Jan 1640 ca 1665	Alice (____) He died 1694
Jacob	8(04)1642	died young 20(01)1646 OS
John Damon	(-1708) married about 1650	Abigail Sherman (-1713) daughter of Richard S, Reading
Jane Damon	(1626-) married/1 at Dedham 13 Mar 1643/4	John Plympton
	/2 at Medfield 16 Mar 1679/80	Nicholas Ide (or Hide

EATON-JENKINS FAMILY (8)

Below are some excerpts from Boston Transcript Genealogical Inquiries. (parts that do not concern us are truncated)

*5685. G. Eaton, Dodge. ^{1344/1714} F. D. R., Oct. 9, 1916. William (1) Eaton was a husbandman at Staple, Kent, England. Embarked at Sandwich, England, June 9, 1637. Lived at Watertown and Reading. Died May 13, 1673. His wife Martha Jenkins died Nov. 14, 1680. His children were: Mary, buried at Staple, July 29, 1634; Martha, baptized at Staple, Sept. 19, 1630, married Richard Oldham and Thomas Brown, both of Cambridge; Abigail, baptized at Staple Feb. 19, 1632, married, Sept. 7, 1650, Francis Moore; William, baptized at Staple, Jan. 12, 1634, buried Aug. 11, 1634; John, baptized at Staple, Dec. 20, 1635, married March 8, 1653, Elizabeth Kendall; David, born at Watertown, Jan. 20, 1640, married, Dec. 21, 1664, Mary —; Mary, born at Watertown, April 8, 1643, died Nov. 28, 1716, married, Feb. 23, 1668, Richard Dodge. W. W. N. Y.

(5344.) EATON. In reference to numerous inquiries as to the Eaton ancestry, I wish to say that any Eaton descendant of William, Jonas or the two John Eatons is eligible to the following societies: Colonial order of the Crown (Charlemagne, 778); National Society of Magna Charta Dames (1215); Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter (Edward III) ^{Sept 29 - 1932} G. E. N.

5344. EATON. G. E. N., Sept. 29, 1932. In this query G. E. N. stated: "I wish to say that any Eaton descendant of William, Jonas, or the two John Eatons is eligible to the following societies: Colonial Order of the Crown (Charlemagne, 778); National Society of Magna Charta Dames (1215); Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter (Edward). ^{Nov 3 - 1932}

As the only consecutive historian of any branch of one of the American Eaton families in print ("The Eaton family of Nova Scotia, 1929"), I should like to say that I know of none of these societies to which descendants of any one of these founders of Eaton families is eligible. In the first place none of these founders is certainly known to have had any relationship to any of the others. They came from different counties of England and their respective pedigrees have not been traced in England.

A. W. H. E.

Regarding Jonas Eaton's
Descendants:

2887. 2. EATON. A. L. H. W., Jan. 6, 1932. I have no memorandum of the children (would be glad to have it if anyone can furnish it) of Samuel (3) Eaton, except the child, Sarah, born July 27, 1733, married, May 21, 1752, Deacon David Bigelow, but I am glad to answer as to the Eaton ancestry, and if the inquirer would like a long line in England I will find it in New England Genealogies, page 1403. If desired I can also furnish that for publication. Beginning with the emigrant to America: Jonas (1) Eaton of Watertown, Mass., died Reading, Mass., Feb. 24, 1674, son of Peter Eaton and Elizabeth Patterson. Jonas (1) and Grace — (has her identity been discovered?) had seven sons and two daughters. Grace married, second, Nov. 18, 1680, Henry Silsbee, Jr.

The sixth child of Jonas and Grace was Lieutenant Jonathan, born Dec. 6, 1655, died Reading, July 8, 1743, married, first, in 1683, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Burnap, Jr., by whom he had Sarah, Jonathan and Elizabeth. He married, second, a Mary —. This wife is the one whom you and I are interested in, but I never have been able to establish her identity. Has anyone else had better luck? ^{Feb 8 - 1932}

By the second wife, Mary, he had eight children, the sixth being Samuel (3) born Nov. 1, 1702, died Dec. 16, 1768, at Haverhill, married March 20, 1722, Ruth (4) Russell, born Woburn, Mass., Jan. 16, 1699, died Haverhill, Oct. 25, 1773, daughter of John (3) Russell and Elizabeth, daughter of John (3) Palmer and Elizabeth (2) daughter Andrew (1) Alger, son of John (2) Palmer and — (who?), son of John (1) and Audrey —. John (3) Russell was son of Rev. John (2) Russell and Sarah (2), daughter of John (1) Champney. He was son of Deacon John (1) Russell, born in England and married there to his first wife, Elizabeth —. Is his English ancestry known?

return to Samuel (3) Eaton, this is the man whom you say was a mason and had son Jonathan (who left a widow Sarah) and who died about 1750.

F. M. S.

The following JENKINS FAMILY pedigree is lifted from the much more detailed article in the New England Register Vol 76:54-75 by Eben Putnam of Wellesley Farms, MA - very well done.

We spell it Jenkins nowadays, but, as with most surnames, in days of old variously. Here are some examples. The people in this paragraph were probably our relatives, but they have not yet decided in what way. In 1490 Joan Jenkyn of Hith, co. Kent, wife of William Jenkyn, made her will just in case, proposing to visit the shrine of St. James in Galicia and other holy places. Alice Genkyn of Lymmynge, co. Kent made her will in 1499. Another long interesting will was made by William Jenken of Hethe, co. Kent in 1522. Thomas Jenkyn the elder of Lymmynge, co. Kent in 1536 was suffering from "infirmyte of sickness." William Jenkyn of Lyminge, co. Kent in 1556 provided, among other bequests, for a mass and dirge at "my month's day and for bread, drink and pastie to refresh the poor people and all that shall be there."

In the article, Mr. Putnam goes on to state the following:

"A pedigree of the Jenkin family of Coldred, co. Kent, branches of which are found, in the seventeenth century, in several parishes on the Isle of Thanet, is printed in Berry's 'Pedigrees of the Families in the County of Kent,' published in London in 1830, pages 484-5, immediately following a pedigree of the Jenkin family of Folkestone, which is given on pages 482-3. To Jenkin of Folkestone the most prominent family of the name in Kent, Berry ascribes the following arms: Argent, a lion rampant regardant sable; and the same coat of arms is given in the pedigree of this family in the Visitation of Kent, 1619.

"To the branch of the Coldred family seated at Minster in Thanet, which was descended from from Thomas Jenkin (note--he was Martha's cousin!) Berry gives the following crest: A lion sejant argent, resting his dexter paw on a torteaux. From time to time intermarriages took place between members of the Folkestone and Coldred families, and it is probable that the two families were descended from a common ancestor, although investigations...were not carried far enough to prove the correctness of this conjecture.

"From the records given, the following genealogy of the Coldred family has been compiled, establishing the place of Martha (Jenkin) Eaton among the descendants of Henry Jenkin of Coldred, and making sundry corrections and a number of additions to Berry's pedigree..."

Mr. Putnam gave the abstracted texts of numerous wills, probate records, and parish records of many churches in the area--birth, marriage, and burial records. Only a few of the many will be shown here. It is suggested that if the reader wants the whole text, the New England Register is available at almost all large libraries.

_____¹ Jenkin, of Lymmage (Lyminge) co. Kent, was descended from _____ Jenkin, probably of Hythe, co. Kent, but a common origin may reasonably be claimed for the Jenkin families of Coldred, Folkestone, Lyminge, and Lypne in that county.
Children:

+Henry, b. ca 1525, probably at Lyminge
Jean living 26 Jan. 1574/5 as Mrs. _____ Parrett.
Elizabeth m. (1) at Coldred on 5 Aug 1566 Thomas Harrison
prob. m. (2) Henry Rachell and was living Jan.
1613/4. She had children by Mr. Harrison living 1574/5.

Henry Jenkin² (_____ 1) of Coldred, co. Kent, yeoman, the testator of 1574/5 born probably at Lyminge ca 1525, died between January and 9 July 1575. He married Margaret (or Margery) _____ the testatrix of 1607 whose will was proved 14 Mar. 1609/10.

Henry was Churchwarden at Lyminge in 1563 and held lands in Lyminge, Postling, and Coldred. (Berry's "pedigrees" mistakenly gives his Christian name as Thomas.) His widow in her will mentions her lands in Hythe, West Hythe, and Saltwood.

The Will of Henry Jenken of Colredd (Coldred) c. Kent, yeoman, dated 26 January 1574/5. To the church at Colredd 6s 8d. To Edward Jenkyn, my youngest son, fourscore pounds, viz., L40 at the age of eighteen years, L20 at the age of twenty-one years and the remainder at the age of twenty-four years; but if he die, to his brothers. To my son Richard Jenkyn, at the age of sixteen years, --ewes or L40 and ten wethers. To Marian Jenkyn, Rose Jenkyn, Elizabeth Jenkyn, and Jane Jenkyn, my daughters, to each L20 at the age of eighteen years. To my daughter Margaret a red mare. To my sister Jean Parrett 6s 8d for life. Other bequests to daughters above, Henry Parrett, Robert Dyrick. To my sister Elizabeth Harryson's children. To my wife Margaret. To my eldest son Thomas and wife Margaret. To my son Richard at the age of twenty years.

Executors: my son Thomas and wife Margaret. To my son Thomas lands in Colredd; and if he die without issue, to Edward Jenkyn. Land in Lymmage and Postling to my wife Margery until Richard is twenty years of age, and also to my wife lands in Postling until my son Edward is twenty years of age, when Richard is to have the lands in Lymmage and Edward the lands in Postling. Witnesses: Stephen Spyser, John Hammond, Robert Backe, Thomas Graye. Proved 9 July 1576. (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, Vol 42, fo. 171)

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The will of Margaret Jenkin of Coldred (co. Kent) widow, dated 6 April 1607. To the poor of the parish of Caple, 3s 4d. To Marrian Rolfe, my daughter, my best gown, best petticoat and best hat. To Abigail Lushington, daughter of Thomas Lushington, my son-in-law, all my beds, bedding, sheets, linen and woolen. To Thomas Jenkin, my eldest son, one piece of gold at 10 shillings. To Richard Jenkin, my second son, 40s. To Edward Jenkin, my youngest son, one piece of gold, 10s. To Elizabeth Saunders, my daughter, L5. To Margaret Percy my daughter, 20s. To Marryan Rolfe, my daughter, L10 and an annuity of 10s out of my lands in Hythe, West Hythe, and Saltwood. To the said Abigail Lushington L15. To Thomas, son of said Thomas Lushington, my son-in-law, L10, each to be the other's heir. To all the children of my sons and daughters a lamb. Residue to my said son-in-law Thomas Lushington, whom I make my executor.

To Jane Lushington, my daughter, wife of the said Thomas Lushington, and her assigns all my lands in the parishes of Hythe, West Hythe, Saltwood, or elsewhere in Kent, for twelve years after my decease, the said lands to go to John, eldest son of Thomas Lushington, and his heirs for ever, with reversion to such son or sons and then to each daughter or daughters begotten by said Jane, and then reversion to said daughter Jane and her heirs forever. Witnesses: Richard Mummereyes, Daniel Woodward, Edward Nashe. The mark of Margery Jenkin. Proved 14 March 1609/10 by the executor. (Consistory of Canterbury, vol 56, fo 343)

The first two children were baptized at Lyminge, the others probably at Coldred.

Childred of Henry and Margaret () Jenkin:

Ursula	bp. 9 Oct 1551		(d.
Thomas	24 Dec 1553- Feb 1613/4 m.	Margaret Johnson	(1616 at Sandwic
Margaret	living 1607 m.	Percye	
Marian	under 18-1575	"	
Rose	" " d.bef.1607?	9 Oct 1581 Robert Harvey	
Elizabeth	" " liv. 1607	Saunders	
?Isabel	bp 19 Nov 1563	died young?	
Richard	7 Jun 1566-d.1612	Priscilla () d. after 1612	
+Edward	ca.1568-17 Aug 1624	21 Jul 1542 Mary Phillips	
Jane	28 Feb 1573/4- after 1607	John Lushington	

Does it not seem to you that the mother was living with the youngest daughter, Jane Lushington, during her last years? She left her lands to the oldest of the four Lushington children, John Jr. It seems to have been the custom, however, to leave only a token bequest to children who had already received their portions. The boys had received lands in their father's will. We do not follow Thomas, but he was wealthy when he died, leaving land at Coldred, Eythorne, Dymchurch, Orgarswick, Burmarsh, Tydmeston, and Northbourne, co. Kent.

Edward Jenkin³ (Henry² ———¹) of Wingham and of St. John's in Thanet (Margate) co. Kent, yeoman, called "youngest son" in the wills of his parents and, therefore, probably born at Coldred about 1568, his next older brother, Richard, having been baptized there in 1566. His father devised him in his will, lands in Postling, co. Kent, which he was to receive when he was twenty years of age.

On 21 July 1592, in St. John's church, Edward married Mary Philip. Canterbury Marriage Licenses Book puts it this way--

1592 Edward Jenkins of Wingham and Mary Philips of the same parish, virgin, Henry Oxenden, Jr., of Wingham, Gentleman, being bondsman, 21 July (1:235)

Mary's relationship to her bondsman was not stated but there undoubtedly was one. Probably an uncle or stepfather? In very olden times a feudal landlord might have sponsored a tenant, but it is doubtful that was the case in this instance. Her family probably owned their own land.

It is too bad we don't know more about Edward and why he felt he had fallen on hard times in late life, unless sickness caused that. He was far from destitute, and his children do not appear to have been poor--quite the contrary. On 12 August 1624 Edward Jenkin, "the unprofitable servant of God," being "weak of body" made his will, below---"and this will suffice for my wife's portion, wherewith she sayeth she is now right well pleased and contented.." (I think I like this nice ancestress of ours, Mary (Philip) Jenkin! That sounds like a concerned and caring wife trying to ease the mind of her fatally ill, probably suffering husband.) Edward was buried at St. John's in thanet 17 August 1624.

Canterbury Marriage Licenses Book has another entry--

1624 John Gore of St. John's Thanet, yeoman, widower, about 70 and Mary Jenken of the same parish, widow, about 57, relict of Edward Jenken, late of the same parish, yeoman, deceased, at the same, 17 November (2:419)

The Will of Edward Jenkyn, "the unprofitable servant of God," of the parish of St. John Baptist in the Isle of Thanet, yeoman, "weak of body," dated 12 August 1624. To my wife Mary, for life, L8 yearly, a feather bed, a bolster, two blankets, a coverlet, two pairs of sheets, a pillow, two pillow coats, and the bedstead in the lower chamber, "and this shall suffice for my wife's portion, wherewith shee sayth shee is now right well contented." To my son Edward L5 within a half year after my decease. To my daughter Priscilla, wife of William Hamon, 5s and to William, her son, at the age of 13 years, L13 which William, his father, oweth me. To my daughter Margaret L20 within half a year of my decease. To my daughter Martha L20 within half a year of my decease. To my son Thomas all my land in Thanet, he to be executor. The mark of Edward Jenkyn. Witnesses: Roger Laminge, John Tamlyn, Nic: Osborne. Proved 14 September 1624 by Thomas Jenkyn, the executor. (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, vol 66, fo. 19)

Children of Edward and Mary (Philips) Jenkin:

Thomas	bp.	26 Dec 1594	at Wingham, d. before 1662
Margaret		15 Sep 1596	" m. Edmond Lane of St. Dunstan's, Lond.
Mary		28 Sep 1598	" died young?
Edward		ca 1600	bur. 18 Apr 1627 at Thanet
Daniel		13 Dec 1601	Thanet m.1- ? m.2-Margaret-both liv.1646
Priscilla		14 May 1604	" m. 10 Oct 1622 Wm. Hamond- she d.bef 1646
+Martha		23 Nov 1605	" m. 28 Jan 1627/8 William Eaton
Infant son		5 Jan 1607/8	bur. unbapt. - stillborn?

Of course we follow Martha, above. Following is photostatic copy of the will of her oldest sister, Margaret, printed in the New England Register. The will proves this is our family.

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MARGARET LANE, of London, widow, 16 January, 1661, with addition made 3 September, 1662. To be buried in the grave of my late husband, Edmond Lane, in the parish church of St. Dunstan's in the East, London. To my sister Martha, wife of William Eaton, now, I think, in New England, one hundred pounds within one year next after my decease. To her five children twenty pounds, to be equally divided amongst them, and also within the like time, to their said father or mother for their use, and whose acquittance shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor for the same. To my cousin Sarah Barrett, daughter of my late brother Daniel Jenkin, deceased, and now wife of John Barrett, twenty pounds. To her eldest daughter, Sarah Barrett, thirty pounds, and to her son John Barrett and her other daughter, Mary Barrett, twenty pounds apiece. To the three children of my late sister Priscilla Hamond, deceased, late wife of William Hammond, ten pounds apiece within one year after my decease. To Thomas Jenkins, eldest son of said deceased brother Daniel Jenkins. To my other cousin Daniel Jenkins, son of said deceased brother, &c. &c.

The addition, or codicil, mentions cousin Thomas Jenkins, of Minster, co. Kent, who is appointed overseer, the said 3 August (*sic*) 1662.

The witnesses to the will were Henry Travers, Scr. in Smithfield, Jo. Newland, Micah Machell and Samuel Fox, his servants.

Elizabeth Jenkin, relict and administratrix, with the will annexed, of Daniel Jenkins, deceased, executor of above will, received commission to administer on the estate of the above, 5 August, 1667. Carr, 107.

[“ William Eaton of Staple, husbandman, Martha, his wife, three children and one servant,” embarked for New England in 1637 (REG. xv. 29). They settled at Watertown (Bond's Watertown, p. 202). They had two children born in this country, making in all five children, the number named by Mrs. Lane.—ED.]

William Eaton, born about 1604, husbandman of Staple, Kent, married 28 January 1627/8 in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Margate, Thanet, co. Kent England, Martha Jenkins bapt. 23 Nov 1605 in this same church, daughter of Edward and Mary (Philips) Jenkin.

According to a list certified 9 June 1637, they embarked that month on the ship, "Hercules" with their children, John, Martha, Albe, taking with them young Jonas Eaton styled as "servant" which simply meant he was along helping them--probably his younger brother. Another young "servant" on board was Richard Jenkin; also some Bachelor family members who may have been related to the Eatons, or to a John Eaton with wife Abigail Bachelor already living in Watertown, their proposed destination. Our William and Martha's daughter Albe's name is short for Abigail. Later records show that John Eaton, also, was from Staple and had married his Abigail there in April 1630.

The "Hercules" left the port at Sandwich in June, 1637 headed for the "American Plantations." Imagine the excitement and the mixed emotions of joy and sadness as they left the port and headed for the open seas! They settled first at Watertown, Massachusetts Bay Colony, where they lived a few years and their last two children were born.

The year they arrived at Watertown, John and Abigail and their family left and moved to Dedham. Though many people left that place because of overcrowding as a result of rules imposed by the town fathers, our family stayed a few years and were on a list of proprietors in 1642. The problem with the place was that all home lots were ordered to be built very close to the one church allowed to be established at the time. (One wonders if they were afraid of Indians, or what?) All the farm land was farther out, making it time-consuming and tedious to get to their agricultural land, and making the town itself too congested for comfort.

The family removed to Reading by 1644 and became proprietors. That location is now called South Reading. At first it was called Lynn Village because originally it was within the generous boundaries of Lynn. About 1640, seemingly after official purchase of the area from the Indians was completed, it received the new name of Reading. By then Jonas was old enough to be granted his own land. A John "Bacheller" was also a proprietor. See the photocopied page of a book by Barber (listed in the references) for more information about the early days in Reading.

William Eaton was a town officer in Reading. He deposed in 1658, calling himself about 54, but in later depositions he was a couple of years younger. He, his wife, Martha, and their five children were legatees in the will of her sister, Margaret Lane of St. Dunstons in the East, London, in 1667. His will of 26 Sep. 1672 was proved 11 June 1673. Martha died at Reading 14 Nov. 1680.

Our Eaton-Jenkins family left Watertown and were among the earliest settlers in Reading (now called South Reading). This page tells some of the earliest history of the place.

The first Congregational church in this town (being the 12th in the colony) was gathered in 1645, and Rev. Henry Green was ordained its first minister. Mr. Green died in 1648, and was succeeded by Rev. Samuel Haugh, in 1650.

Johnson, in his "Wonder Working Providence of Zion's Saviour in New England," published about this time, says: "Reading is well watered, and situate about a great pond; besides, it hath two mills, the one a saw mill, the other a corn mill, which stand on two several streams. It hath not been so fruitful for children as her sister Woburn hath; her habitation is fuller in the very centre of the country; they are well stocked with cattle, for the number of people. They have gathered into a church and ordained a pastor from among themselves, at the same time a young man of good abilities to preach the word, and of a very humble behaviour, named Mr. Green. He, having finished his course, departed this life not long after, whose labors are with the Lord: after him succeeded in the place one Mr. Hagb, a young man, one of the first fruits of New England, a man studious to promote the truths of Christ.—They are both remembered in the following verse, written by Johnson:

"On earth's bed thou at noon hast laid thy head,
You that for Christ (as Green) here toiled have taken;
When nature fails, then rest it in earth's dead,
Till Christ by 's word with glory thee awakes;
Young Hagb, thou must be second to this man
In field encounter, with Christ foes shalt thou
Stand up and take his bright sword in thy hand,
Error cut down, and make stout stomachs bow.
Green's gone before, thy warfare's now begun,
And last it may to see Rome's Babel fall;
By weakest means Christ's mighty works hath done,
Keep footing fast till Christ thee hence do call."

The township of South Reading comprises a tract of 4,200 acres, and is about equidistant from Boston, Cambridge, and Andover, being about ten miles from each. It was originally the first parish in Reading. It was incorporated as a distinct town in 1812. About this period there was quite a political excitement in Reading, as well as in many other places; the inhabitants of the south parish, being mostly on the Democratic side, were left in the minority of the town. Feeling themselves aggrieved by their townsmen who were on the Federal side, they petitioned the legislature for an act to incorporate them into a distinct town, which was accordingly granted.

The following shows the appearance of the central part of South Reading, as it is seen while descending the hill a little west of the village. On the left is seen the southern extremity of Reading Pond or lake, near which is the Congregational church; the spire of the Baptist church is seen further to the south. South of the Congregational church extends a handsome green, called the "common," containing about 8 or 10 acres. The different parts of the town, when spoken of in reference to the residence of the people, are designated by the following terms:—"The Common," "Fitch's Hill," "Leather Street," "Side the Pond," "Cowdrey's Hill," "Lafayette Street," "Eaton Street," "Water Street," "Little World," "West Ward," "East Ward," and "South Ward."

The village called the "Common" contains about twenty dwelling-houses, the two churches represented in the engraving, a number of mercantile stores and mechanic shops, and a large

village in the town is in the southern part, near a stream which empties into Nashua river. There is a Universalist church in the village. A society of Shakers live on the southern borders of the town, and their lands extend into Lancaster, in Worcester county. The society consists of from 150 to 200 persons, and are distinguished for their neatness, industry, and the raising of garden seeds, &c. In 1837, there were 3 cotton mills, 2,568 spindles; 474,364 yards of cotton goods were manufactured, valued at \$52,100; males employed, 19; females, 39; one woollen mill; 20,000 yards of cloth were manufactured, valued at \$12,000; two paper-mills; 300 tons of stock manufactured; value of paper, \$20,000; twenty hands (10 males, 10 females) employed; 70,000 palm-leaf hats were manufactured, valued at \$12,333. Population, 967. Distance, 16 miles from Concord, 18 from Lowell, and 32 from Boston.

SOUTH READING.

THE settlement of this place, now called South Reading, was first commenced by emigrants from Lynn. As early as the year 1639, a grant of land was made by the general court to the town of Lynn, as appears from the following extract from the records of the court: "Sept. 7, 1639. The petition of the inhabitants of Lynn for a place for an inland plantation at the head of their bounds is granted them of four miles square." After this grant, certain persons from Lynn and other places immediately commenced the settlement of the place; indeed, some had taken possession of certain spots of territory, and perhaps had removed hither, in 1638, the year before the grant. The settlement that commenced was called Lynn Village, being a part of the town of Lynn. The land was also purchased of the Indians for £10 16s., and the deeds signed, in 1640, by Sagamore George, his sister Abigail, and Quana-powitt. Lynn village was incorporated by the name of Reading about this time, being about five years since its first settlement. The following are the names of the first settlers, viz:

Nicholas Brown,	Geo. Davis,	Thomas Hartshorn,
Boniface Burton,	Wm. Eaton,	Thomas Kendall,
John Bachelier,	Jonas Eaton,	Goodman Knight,
Goodman Barker,	Zachariah Fitch,	Wm. Marlin,
Goodman Blots,	Benjamin Fitch,	Thomas Marshall,
Isaac Barnup,	Henry Feltch,	John Poole,
Wm. Cowdrey,	Jeremiah Fitch,	Thomas Parker,
Thomas Clark,	John Fuller,	John Person,
Josiah Dustin,	Goodman Gould,	Jeremiah Swaine,
Thomas Dunton,	Thomas Hutchinson,	Richard Sader,
Samuel Dunton,	Wm. Hooper,	Edward Taylor,
Richard Walker,	Samuel Walker,	

The first five Eaton children were baptized in the parish church in Staple. The last two were baptized in Watertown, MA.

Children of William and Martha (Jenkins) Eaton:

Mary	(28 Dec 1628-21 Jul 1628)			age 6-buried-Staple
Martha	19 Sep 1630	m 1)	ca. 1648	Richard Oldham-Cambridge
		2)	7 Oct 1656	Thomas Browne "
Alba	19 Feb 1632-19 Apr 1708		7 Sep 1650	Francis Moore, Jr. "
William	12 Jan 1634-11 Aug 1634			1½ years-bur.Staple
John	20 Dec 1635-1695		8 Mar 1659	Elizabeth Kendall
Daniel	20 Jan 1639-1708		21 Dec 1664	Mary (Ingalls?)
+Mary	8 Apr 1643-28 Nov 1716		23 Feb 1667	Richard Dodge

The two boys were married at Reading. Martha's husbands were from Cambridge, and so was Alba (Abigail's) husband. Mary's husband was from Wenham.

For more information about our Mary (Eaton) Dodge's husband and children, see Volume I - Dodge Family.

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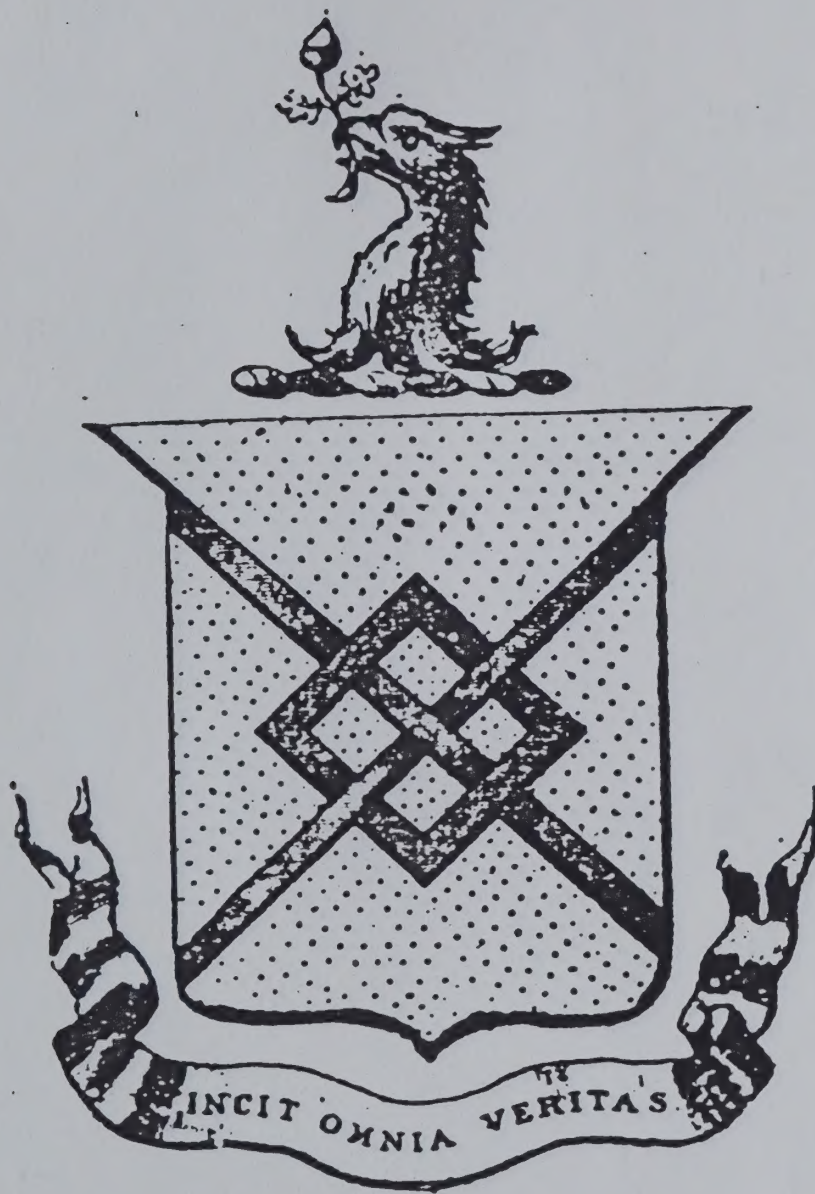
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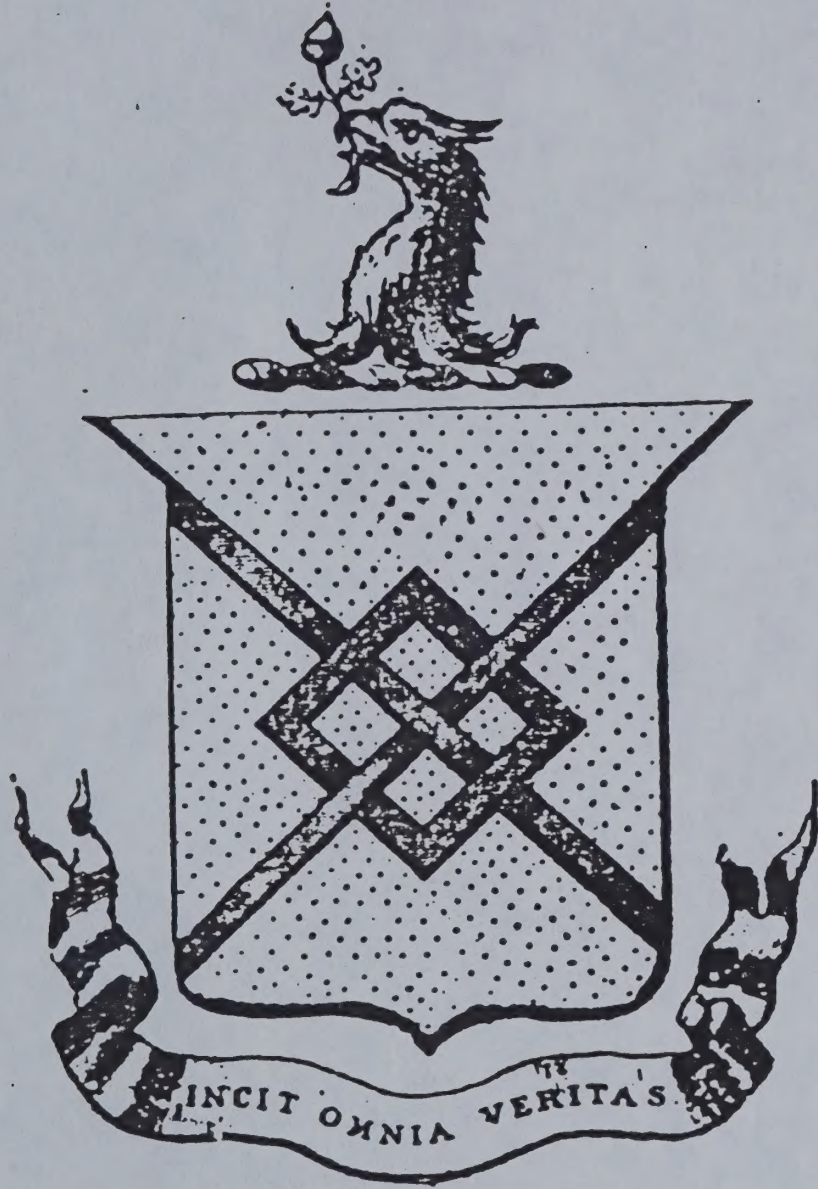
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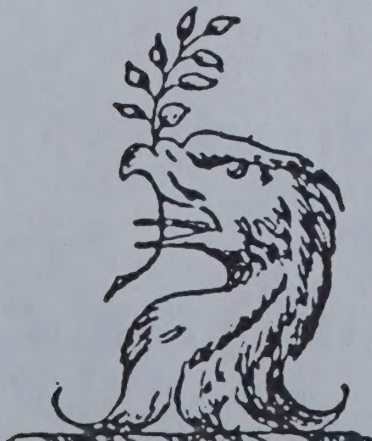


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